

29 November 1956

Mr. Boris C. W. Hagelin
Zug, Switzerland

Dear Boris:

I have been waiting for some time to answer your very nice letter of 9 November, until I could have an oral report from Howard Barlow with regard to his visit. He was able to come a couple of days ago and we had a very nice talk. I was particularly glad to learn that everything is going along as planned, and that you remain content with the arrangement which was initiated several years ago.

Before going any further, I have three things for which I wish to thank you.

First, I owe you a note of appreciation for the cards which you typed out giving some data on the C-35, M-209, and B-21. I was specially pleased to have these cards signed by you, and they will take their proper and a prominent place in the Friedman Collection. Thank you very much for remembering my request.

Next, I have to thank you for the three lovely calendars for 1957. The pictures are quite beautiful. I am saving one for Barbara, who will no doubt very much appreciate having something so nice to hang in her own place.

Thirdly, I have to thank you for seeing to the cleaning of my wrist-watch, and in getting the job done so expeditiously. The watch is keeping perfect time. There remains only one thing more to be said to, or rather to be asked of you: how much do I owe you for this? Please let me know so that I can reimburse you. I will be cross if you fail to answer or dodge the issue in some other way.

Our plans for a trip to Europe are now rather up in the air because we think that certainly until quite warm weather arrives nobody is going to be comfortable anywhere in Europe on account of the fuel shortage. Also the international scene ought to clear up a bit before one undertakes a visit which is intended to be for a number of months. In any case, we would not be able to leave until late in the Spring anyhow, because we will undoubtedly have proof to read on our book. I know I will get over it but I am rather sick of that job at this time and often wish I had never undertaken to write it.

I hear from Bo occasionally via the telephone. I know that he has made many contacts but did not know how much success he is having. Your letter gives an indication that he is being quite successful.

I may not write you again before Christmas and therefore I want to be sure that you get a nice greeting from us for a fine Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

With affectionate greetings to you and love to Annie from both of us.

Sincerely,